



MULLINGAR MANIFESTO:

Road Victims' NGOs'

DECLARATION ON ROAD SAFETY

The Post Crash Response

60 NGOs from all Regions of the World, came together in Mullingar, Ireland in March 2018 for our first Global Road Victims' Conference.

THEME:

Post Crash Response in the UN Decade of Action for Road Safety 2011-2020

OUR MISSION:

To improve the Post Crash Response and to advocate for Road Victims' Rights Globally



IRVP NGO MEMBERS & SIGNATORIES:

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RoadPeace, Amy Aeron-Thomas, UK

Road Safe Trust, J. Krishnamoorthy Tamil Nadu, Chennai, India

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Swift Logistics, Harijit Singh, Malaysia

20 's Plenty for Us, Rod King MBE, UK

You are what you do-Kostas Kouvidis, Giorgos Kouvidis, Greece

Vereniging Verkeersslachtoffers, Caroline Reindl and Dr Hans van Maanen, Netherlands

Zambia Road safety Trust, Daniel Mwamba, Zambia

Zavod Vosim, David Razborsek, Slovenia

Other NGO Participants:

A-Ceart, Mary Clinton, Ireland

AVR, Nadia Shagoury and Mariette Bosch, Luxembourg

RondPunt, Joke Castelein, Belgium

The International Road Victims' Partnership (IRVP) was established in 2017 to improve the post crash response and advocate for road victims' rights. Our work highlights the role of justice in reducing road crashes and road danger; particularly:

- Collision investigation.
- Criminal justice (traffic law enforcement through to court prosecution and sentencing).
- Civil compensation.
- Victims Rights to information, support and protection.

At our first international conference on 18 March 2018 in Ireland, we note the following:

Global road deaths and injury have not decreased. Despite the Decade of Action for Road Safety and seven years of unprecedented activity by the international and national road safety community, the number of people killed and seriously injured on our roads has risen.

More must be done, not just to prevent crashes, but also to deliver justice and mitigate the suffering of victims. Our loved ones were not lost. We know where they are. They were killed on the road, too often by law-breaking drivers.

IRVP CALLS

IRVP calls upon the international and national road safety agencies to work with us to:

- Include justice and compensation as a critical element of post crash response.
- Raise awareness of this issue through the Global Forum for Legislators.
- Challenge the complacency around road danger and work to have road traffic crime treated as crime, and not just minor driving offences.
- Ensure that road safety projects include a justice system review (not just a law review).
- Identify good practices and indicators for the justice system's response to road crashes.
- Ensure that there's a national and international protocol in place to provide for immediate callout and involvement of medical, fire, rescue and police services in all collisions where there's death or serious injury.

Our calls are not just for others. The IRVP will also work to help the road safety agencies achieve these calls. We also urge our members to ensure that there is a guide for bereaved families and injured road victims explaining the justice system procedures after a fatal crash.

YOUR KNOWLEDGE CAN HELP SPARE OTHERS. THAT IS WHY THE IRVP EXISTS. JOIN US.

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Facebook: **International Road Victims' Partnership**

The Importance and Need for Justice and the Post Crash Response

COLLISION INVESTIGATION

Collision investigation is key to both justice and prevention. Evidence based prevention programmes require comprehensive and accurate data from investigations. We call upon our road safety colleagues to join us in demanding thorough and consistent collision investigations.

This would include checking of all of the known contributory causes, in crashes where death or injury has occurred – in every case, and all drivers in crashes being tested for impairment (drink/drugs). This should be mandatory and enshrined in law. The state should ensure resources for the police to conduct impairment checks. Police must have access to data from event data recorders already present in vehicles.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE – PROSECUTION AND PENALTIES, AND ENFORCEMENT

Roads policing is rarely a priority for police services. The traditional focus of the police is on intentional crime. The Safer System approach acknowledges and accepts humans will make mistakes. It does not accept law breaking by drivers. Technology can help ensure compliance, prevent crashes and prove crash circumstances.

Legislation is required to ensure consistent access. We call upon the road safety community, including the Global Legislators Network, to ensure our laws

and criminal justice system helps deliver safer roads and justice, and when law breaking drivers cause death or injury, it must be seen as a crime, not just a traffic offence.

Only the most serious cases end up in court, and the criminal justice system should treat these cases seriously. Road deaths caused by law breaking drivers are vehicle homicides, and sentencing should reflect the crime and culpability. Judges need to be trained, as they are with other crimes.

Out of court sanctions need to be used, including short term driving bans and vehicle confiscations. Offenders need to be deterred before they kill. Deterrence comes from high profile enforcement activity, backed by education campaigns, and legislation which allows quick sanctions.

CIVIL JUSTICE AND COMPENSATION

The bereaved and injured are no match for insurance companies. They are not equal parties in terms of legal expertise or financial resources. This includes pedestrian and cyclist casualties who should be presumed to qualify for civil compensation.

Victims need help with recovery and rehabilitation. The increasing number of victims means civil compensation is essential and reforms even more required. This includes expediting interim claims and adopting time limits to ensure victims do not face years of hardship whilst waiting for compensation settlements.

Victims of crashes caused by law-breaking drivers should not face increased challenges in getting compensation due to insurers denying responsibility.

VICTIMS' RIGHTS

Victims are not collateral damage. They deserve recognition, information and support.

Victims need to be recognised as such.

Road crash casualties should be recognised as road crime victims, from the first point of contact with the police, until the contrary is proven. It is too late to wait for a prosecution decision. Society must err on the side of caution and compassion, and provide crash victims with information and support from the start.

Victims need information on the legal procedures, their rights and role in the proceedings. They should be kept informed

of the progress of the investigation and the prosecution.

They should be consulted on the criminal charges and have the right to appeal.

Victims deserve support. Having failed to prevent the crashes which have bereaved or injured them, the state should provide support and help victims cope, if not recover. If caseworkers can be provided for other victims of crime, then why not road traffic crime. Court fines, e.g. victim surcharges, should help pay for support services.

Victims deserve to be heard and included. This includes in the courtroom with Victim Impact Statements, but also on road safety boards and consultative groups.

Crime victim strategies and support services must include road crime victims.

MEDICAL CARE AND REHABILITATION

The consequences are not just determined by the crash. The post crash medical care and rehabilitation provided can make the difference to survival and extent of independent living.

Rehabilitation is essential to recovery and WHO's commitment to post crash care must be continued and extended.

Members of the Board of the International Road Victims' Partnership

Donna Price Co-Founder & Chair



Donna Price founded the Irish Road Victims' Association (IRVA) in 2012 following the sudden death of her 18 year old son, Darren, in a car crash in March 2006.

IRVA provides free information, bereavement counselling and support to victims and their families and assists families at every stage of Garda investigations, inquests and legal proceedings.

IRVA host an event to mark World Day of Remembrance every year which is attended by 100s of bereaved families, those who have sustained serious injury, and the Emergency Services.

Donna is also the Founder and Co-Chair of the International Road Victims' Partnership which comprises over 60 NGOs from all regions of the world, and she co-chaired the Post Crash Committee of the Global Alliance of NGOs for Road Safety and served on the board of FEVR, the European Federation for Road Traffic Victims. Donna also chairs the Westmeath Road Safety Working Together Group.

IRVA is a member of the Global Alliance of NGOs for Road Safety and a member of FEVR, and is also a member of the Victims' Rights Alliance, Victim Support Europe, and is a signatory to the European Road Safety Charter.

Donna was the winner of the RSA's 'Ambassador of the year for Road Safety' Leading Light Award in 2015, and has assisted the RSA in various campaigns and events over the years, since the tragic death of her Son. She was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Road Safety Authority by the Minister for Transport in January 2018.

Viviam Perrone Co-Founder & Chair



She has dedicated herself to fight for the rights of road crash victims since the loss of her son Kevin Adrian Sedano (aged 14) in a hit-and-run incident on May 8th 2002. When she lost her son, everyone in Argentina said that "it was just an accident" so she decided to dedicate herself to be the voice of those who lost a loved one and to work to avoid more deaths.

In 2004 she founded the NGO Madres del Dolor (Mothers in Pain) that has as its main objective to accompany victims and/or their families with judicial and psychological issues providing law and medical short-term assistance and to create projects or bills which are presented in the National Congress to change laws so as to save lives.

Viviam has worked hard in her country not only to change laws but also the way in which authorities consider road safety as very little is done to avoid the 9,000 deaths each year in Argentina.

One of her main achievements has been to struggle in Congress for twelve years to change the Road Safety law in Argentina and this was accomplished on Dec 22nd, 2016. Thanks to this, now in all the provinces in Argentina both hit-and-run and drunk driving are serious offences.

She has dedicated her life to try to prevent other families experiencing her needless loss and suffering. She does this because she knows that these deaths and serious injuries are totally preventable and families are being left further traumatized through a lack of justice and recognition of their rights to information and support.

Harpreet Singh Secretary



An ISO39001 certified Road Traffic Safety Management System Lead Auditor working for road safety and Injury prevention with special focus on 5th Pillar Post Crash Care and 2nd Pillar Infrastructure of the UN Plan for the Decade of Action. Harpreet has accomplished several important certifications including "Integrated Urban Transport Planning" and "Sustainable Cities" for better understanding of the concept. Being the official partner of SDGs MyWorld2015 and My World2030 and being a learner of 'Transforming the World Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals' he is working for the targets of Sustainable Development Goals 3.6 and 11.2 through his drives.

Harpreet has created several analytical reports related to road safety concerns of the region. His poster and Paper presentations have been approved in several global conferences and his short film "Death Was Calling" was shortlisted in the Jury's selection of 80 out of 243 short films in Global Road safety Film Festival Geneva .

The impact of his intervention comes in the shape of policy making in State of Punjab in relation to the Good Samaritan Act of India and every situations.

Peter Frazer

Education: B. Ec (Macquarie University), National Strategic Intelligence and Government Investigations.

Status: Married, 5 children, 2 Grandchildren
Resident: Springwood, Blue Mountains, NSW Australia.

- Peter is President of Safer Australian Roads and Highways (SARAH). He has over 40 years' experience in economic analysis, research, law enforcement and compliance policy, investigations, strategic and operational intelligence, project management as well as social justice advocacy.
- On 15 February 2012, Peter's daughter Sarah was killed in a completely avoidable road crash on the Hume Freeway south of Sydney. As a consequence of this tragedy, he and his family decided that they would contribute to improving road safety outcomes through their policy development, community education as well as their advocacy work. They used yellow ribbons as their symbol for protecting each other on Australia's roads and highways. The Yellow Ribbon is now the national symbol for road safety.
- By May 2013 he had created National Road Safety Week, and the Week is now an important event across Australia. Since 2013 it has also been an event of the biennial United Nations Global Road Safety Week.

- Peter has received numerous awards including News Limited's 2012 Pride of Australia Award - Courage Category, in 2013 Blue Mountains Citizen of the Year, while in 2014 he received the University of Western Sydney's Award for 'Community Service and Leadership'.



- Peter is a keynote road safety speaker and regularly undertakes engagements at local, state, national and global events and conferences. High profile events have included the 2015 International Roads Federation/Roads Australia Conference, 2015 World Health Organisation's Second High Level Road Safety Conference in Brasilia, Brazil, as well as at the 2017 launch of UN Global Road Safety Week (Western Pacific) at the Sydney Opera House, New South Wales, Australia.
- Peter is the National Ambassador for Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA) while at a global level, he is the Oceania member on the Advisory Board for the World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims (FEVR) and a board member of the International Road Victims' Partnership.

* 2018 National Road Safety Week (30 April to 6 May 2018) will be launched in Perth, Western Australia.

Website: www.sarahgroup.org

Andrew Murie

Andrew Murie has been MADD Canada's Chief Executive Officer since 1997. His responsibilities include managing the National Office and facilitating MADD Canada's public policy agenda, national programs, and victim services to its 100+ volunteer groups across Canada.

Andrew has conducted hundreds of presentations on impaired driving to elected members of government, government staff, police enforcement officers, traffic safety organizations and other community based impaired driving organizations.

Andrew has provided leadership to MADD Canada in responding to the federal governments' legalization of recreational cannabis. Andrew has developed a comprehensive public policy agenda to deal with the retailing of recreational cannabis and driving under the influence of drugs. MADD Canada has expanded its educational programs and public awareness campaigns to deal with drug impaired driving.

Andrew's career spans over 40 years within the not for profit sector at local, provincial and national levels.

Prior to joining MADD Canada, Andrew worked for the Canadian National Institute for the Blind and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Canada.

Andrew has a Masters Degree of Management from McGill University, a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from McMaster University and a Diploma in Recreation Leadership from Mohawk College.

Andrew is a member of ICADTS (International Committee on Alcohol, Drugs and Traffic Safety) and a member of the Blue Ribbon Panel for the development of DADSS (Driver Alcohol Detection System for Safety) technology. He is also a Co-Chair for Canada's National Alcohol Strategy Advisory Committee. Mohawk College awarded Andrew its Alumni of Distinction Award in 2005, and nominated him for the Premier Award for Community Services in 2013. In 2012, Andrew was awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal for his long term service in the voluntary sector. In 2014, Andrew was awarded the Canadian Council of Motor Transport Administrators Associate Award for his contributions to road safety in Canada.



Katie Makri



Katie Makri lives in hometown Alexandroupolis, Thrace, Northern Greece and works as a Head of Education Department and Head of the Public Library as well as Volunteer Officer of the Municipality of Alexandroupolis organizing cultural and civilization activities since 1983.

She started activity on Road Safety and Road Victims Support after the loss of her 20 year old son Stratos in a car crash (Drowsy Driving?) in 2011.

Katie is spokesperson for "You Are What You Do-Kouvidis" and is a Member of the Board of "SOS Road Crime Panhellenic Association" and the International Road Victims Partnership. She is responsible for all Road Safety School Programmes in the Public Library.

Actress and Chair Person in Experimental Theater of Thrace (International Awards), children's books Illustrator and Singer of Traditional Songs of Thrace and Asia Minor mostly. She is fifty-six years old and has two adult sons.

Bright Oywaya



Executive Director, ASIRT, Kenya. Bright Oywaya is an Ex-Banker and counselling psychologist by profession. She is currently the Executive Director of the Association for Safe International Road Travel (ASIRT-Kenya), a not-for profit organization that promotes road safety through education, awareness creation and advocacy. She is a board member of the National Transport and Safety Authority (NTSA) and a Trustee of the Association for the Physically Disabled of Kenya (APDK). She is also a board member of the International Road Victims Partnership.

Bright Oywaya has been advocating for issues relating to road safety since 1997 when she was involved in a road crash that made her a wheelchair user. Her advocacy work is both at the national and global level. She works with road crash survivors and is endeavoring to advocate for justice for victims, including proper investigations.

Caro Smit



B.Soc. Sc. (Social Work) University of Cape Town (UCT) 1972.

Honors in Psychiatric Social Work. UCT 1973. Alcohol and Drug Educator and Counsellor (ADEC) SANCA Alcohol and Drug Centre and ADEC - Private Practice 12 years doing counselling and education Work in Schools and community. Founder and Director of SADD. January 2006 to present day. SADD is a member of the W.H.O. "Global Alliance of NGOs Advocating for Road Safety and Road Victims" since 2009. Board Member of the "International Road Victims Partnership"- IRVP

A member of Global Road Safety Partnership (GRSP- ZA) and GRSP.

Winner of FedEx International Road Safety Award 2017, Winner of an International "Prince Michael of Kent Road Safety Award" 2012 for the SADD/SAB University project which has been run for the past 10 years in 12 Universities. Winner of "CARS 2006 Road Safety Achievement of the Year Award." Wife, Mother of 3 children (Including Chas - killed by Drink Driver in Sept. '05)

Consultants to the Board of the IRVP

Amy Aeron-Thomas



Amy is the Advocacy and Justice Manager for RoadPeace, the national charity for road crash victims. She was introduced to RoadPeace in 2000 whilst working for TRL on a DFID funded scoping study on community participation in traffic law enforcement.

Her work focuses on challenging the complacency in the justice system towards road danger and the discrimination faced by road crash victims. She co-ordinates RoadPeace's collision investigation campaign with thorough and effective collision investigations the cornerstone of justice. Her advocacy role includes producing guides for victim, including on collision investigation, inquest and criminal prosecution, along with providing casework assistance to victims.

Amy initially worked as a transport planner, with degrees in MSc Transportation Engineering, MPA Public Administration and MP Urban and Regional Planning, from the University of Virginia.

Dr. Margie Peden



Dr. Peden was educated at the universities of Cape Town and Stellenbosch in South Africa. She holds degrees in nursing and epidemiology and a PhD in injury epidemiology. She worked at Groote Schuur Hospital in the emergency and intensive care units for 10 years before taking up a position at the South African MRC for 7 years. In 2000 she moved to WHO in Switzerland where she co-ordinated the Unintentional Injuries Prevention unit from 2000 to 2017. She was the executive editor of both the World report on road traffic injury prevention (2004) and the World report on child injury prevention (2008). She also coordinated WHO's contribution to the Bloomberg Initiative for Global Road Safety and three global status reports on road safety. Dr Peden currently holds joint positions at The George Institute for Global Health (University of Oxford) and the International Injury Research Unit (Johns Hopkins University).

Joop Goos



Joop Goos has over 45 years world wide experience in the field of safe mobility and road traffic safety in the public- and non-governmental sector, and as international executive consultant. Joop has graduated from Erasmus University of Rotterdam (MSc Sociology). From 2007-2015 he has been elected president of the global road safety organization La Prévention Routière Internationale PRI. Earlier positions include General Director of the Dutch Traffic Safety Association VVN (1990-2010), Deputy Director of the Road Safety Department of the Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management and Advisor to the Minister (1979-2010). He was Head of the Road Safety Division of the city of Rotterdam (1972-1979).

He is owner of GOOS Consultancy and Associate Consultant at LuxMobility-Luxemburg and at Team Red-Germany. He is honorary president of LVIR-Burkina Faso (l'Association "Lutte contre la Violence et l'Insécurité Routière) and General Director at LASER, organizer of International Road Safety Film Festivals-France.

He participated in global and regional road safety networks (UN Road Safety Collaboration, UNECE Global Forum for Road Traffic Safety (WP1), Global Alliance of NGOs for Road Safety, West African Road Safety Organisation WARSO). He is collaborating with the Federal Road Safety Corps FRSC in Nigeria for more than 10 years. He was trainer of a "NUFFIC/Orange Knowledge Programme (OKP)" training programme for FRSC-Nigeria and he is teacher of the Delft Road Safety Course (DRSC).

He was a member of organising and scientific committees of many international conferences and performed consultancy activities for different countries, including Poland, Slovenia, Ukraine, Morocco, Tunisia, Benin, Nigeria, United Arab Emirates, Turkey.

Rochelle Sobel



Rochelle Sobel is the President and Founder of the Association for Safe International Road Travel (ASIRT), a nonprofit organisation that promotes road travel safety throughout the world via education and advocacy. Ms. Sobel founded ASIRT in response to her son Aron's death in a 1995 bus crash in Turkey. Aron, a twenty-five year old medical student, and 22 other passengers were killed in that crash. Ms. Sobel served as a member of the World Health Organisation's Global Road Safety Steering Committee and was an original member of the United Nations Road Safety Collaboration. Ms. Sobel represents ASIRT as a member of the UN Road Safety Collaboration (UNRSC), and served on the steering committee for the establishment of a Global Alliance of Road Safety NGOs, on whose board she now serves. ASIRT helped establish ASIRT-Kenya and also helped create the US Congressional Global Road Safety Caucus to raise members' awareness of the issue of global road safety and to encourage their active role in reducing road crashes in foreign countries. Among the caucus initiatives are several Congressional Resolutions in support of the UN Resolutions to improve global road safety and in support of the two ministerial conferences. The US Congress passed a resolution in support of a World Day of Remembrance for road crash victims, in response to ASIRT's and the Caucus's efforts. Rochelle has contributed to notable ASIRT publications including Faces Behind the Figures, produced in collaboration with WHO; "Injury Control and Safety Promotion," 2003, Vol. 10; ASIRT Country Road Travel Reports on 125 countries and A Road Safety Toolkit for the Study Abroad Community. Rochelle Sobel received educational degrees from Barnard College, NYC (B.A.); University of Chicago (MA English Literature), George Washington University, Washington DC (MA, Education); George Washington University, Washington DC (Received advanced degree in Educational Policy).







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